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Application No.: 09/018,783 Group Art Unit: 2823
Filed: February 4, 1998 Examiner: D.M. Collins
Title: METHOD FOR FILLING RECESSED MICRO-STRUCTURES WITH METALLIZATION IN THE PRODUCTION OF A MICROELECTRONIC DEVICE

REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUED PROSECUTION
APPLICATION (CPA) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d)

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This is a request for filing by Express Mail an incomplete continuation application under the continued prosecution application (CPA) procedure of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) based on the prior nonprovisional application identified above.

- X 1. This application is filed by all of the inventors named in the prior application.
- X 2. A combined declaration and power of attorney is on file in the prior application.
- X 3. A filing date in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 is requested. A certificate of mailing by "Express Mail" is set forth below.
- X 4. Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2000, set to expire on January 4, 2001, be extended by three (3) months to expire on April 4, 2001, to extend the pendency of the prior application to at least the filing date of this continued prosecution application.

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- X 6. The prior application is assigned to Semitool, Inc., recorded at Reel 010953, Frame 0892.
- X 7. Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 is hereby claimed based on the aforementioned prior application, and all other priority claims made under 35 U.S.C. § 119 and § 120 in the prior application are also claimed herein.
- X 8. The current correspondence address of each applicant is the same as last set forth in the prior application.
- X 9. A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and copies of IDS citations are enclosed herewith.

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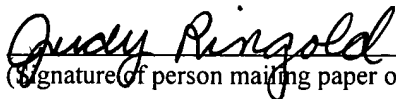
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